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1. The 1955 shipbuilding plan for new sea-going units for the Polish Navy has been approved. These units are to be built by the Paris Commune shipyard in Gdynia.
2. The failure to expand the Polish Navy is ascribed to two reasons:
 - a. Lack of suitable specialists in the Polish shipyards.
 - b. Lack of an officers' cadre to man the expanding Polish Navy.
3. The officers' cadres are to be supplemented by former graduates of the Maritime School (Szkola Morska) who have been discharged after completing their national service with the navy, and are now serving with the merchant marine.
4. Informant stated that, given a free choice, at least 80 percent of the midshipmen would gladly abandon this career and transfer to civilian professions. Informant added that for the last 14 days the whole fleet has been eating boiled potatoes only.

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